INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State 42 OFFICIAL USE ONLY Action Control: 22136. RIIR FROM: BONN Rec'd: JUNE 30, Info Secretary of State INR NO: 2956, JUNE 30, 6 PM UOP IRC SENT DEPARTMENT 2956, REPEATED INFORMATION LONDON 781, PARIS 1016. MOSCOW 356, BERLIN 1033, USAREUR TRETBELBERG 528. OCR USTA PARIS PASS USRO, THURSTON AND WEST. CIA 0.50 REF: BERLIN'S G-524 TO DEPT. ARMY NAVY WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT COL. KOROL'S LETTER JUNE 26 CAN NOT RPT AIR 32 NOT BE LEFT UNANSWERED. AS FAR AS WE AWARE, THIS FIRST TIME SOVIETS HAVE CLAIMED THEIR RESPONSIBILITY ON HALMSTEDT-BERLIN RMR .0221/ AUTOBAHN LIMITED TO CHECKPOINT AREA AND THAT OTHER PARTS THIS HIGHWAY OUTSIDE THEIR "SPHERE OF INFLUENCE" AND PROBLEMS ARISING THERE "SHOULD BE SETTLED WITH PROPER AUTHORITIES OF GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC". SEEMS TO US EXTREMELY IMPORTANT WE MAKE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR SOVIETS SOONEST WE CONTINUE HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR OUR FREE MOVEMENT ALL ALONG HIGHWAY, WITHOUT ANY INTERFERENCE OF ANY KIND FROM EAST GERMANS. 8 ŭ SINCE CORRESPONDENCE INITIATED BY USCOB, BELIEVE DESIRABLE THAT REPLY KOROL' S LETTER BE MADE BY USCOB ALONG LINES SUGGESTED

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